


THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Wednesday Morning, March 17, 1869.

The Gladstone Ministry with its new brooms is making strenuous efforts for popularity, and with these useful instruments of domestic purification are sweeping off time-honored institutions and national safeguards in a paroxysm of excessive zeal. By our telegraphic despatches yesterday it will be seen that the first Lord of the Admiralty has determined on reducing the Naval Estimates by a million sterling, with the object no doubt of convincing the nation that his wonderful perspicuity has enabled him to discover improvidence in the management of his predecessors, and thus for a few days draw upon himself the exulting hyperbole of a radical press. It is sad to think that in catering to a morbid taste in the minds of the people, that noble old red flag which once floated o'er every sea in every clime, should only be known now by its rarity, and that the prestige of old England should be perilled in order that the new first Lord of the Admiralty should be thought a master of economic science. Of course, as in all such measures of intermittent economy, the parings are generally taken from the part of the Government establishments that can least bear the excision; hence it is very likely the rumors afloat during the last ten days to the effect that some of the ships of war stationed at this port are likely to be removed may possess a shadow of truth. In this we may be mistaken, as the amount of saving proposed is not large, and a reduction of expenditure on the channel fleet, or a decrease in the naval reserve, would enable this assiduous first Lord to secure the coveted feather for his cap; but we are accustomed to these ill-judged economies which usually result in an expenditure to the nation of ten times the amount temporarily saved. How strikingly this was the case at the Crimea, when England was forced to buy the efficiency which had been criminally neglected by liberal Governments, from straining after outside repute. It may be that the wish is father to thought; but we hope that we shall not be affected by any retrenchment connected with the Admiralty. The instances of Indian murders on the coast, are of too frequent occurrence to admit of our being left in the helpless position which undoubtedly should be, if any of Her Majesty's ships were removed. As it is, the visits of the war vessels to the coast are too rare, and not a week passes but we have letters from writers who believe their lives and property in hourly danger from hostile savages, and who contemplate the abandonment of their farms in the absence of protection. Any such abandonment of the colonists as the withdrawal of the navy would involve, is surely too heartless for even a radical Lord of the Admiralty; and it will be owing to entire ignorance of our position here in relation to the aborigines. Another reason: Suppose—and it is within the scope of possibility—that a number of those misguided men calling themselves Fenians were to take advantage of the departure of the navy to pay us a visit with a view to plunder, what resistance could be offered? None whatever, and the result would be too horrid to think of. What reparation would it be to the unfortunate victims if twenty years' expenditure (at the present rate) was incurred with the fallacious idea of punishing the marauders, who would be far away from the scene of their crime long before the power of inflicting the merited punishment could reach us? But this might lead to more serious results; and in endeavoring to save a few paltry thousands, drag the nation into a war that would cost hundreds of millions and oceans of blood. The San Juan difficulty is not yet settled. We hope that the good sense of the two nations involved will enable them to come to a fair and amicable adjustment of the difficulty; but we never know what a day will bring forth or the necessities of American politicians produce in their struggles for ascendancy. The imprudent exposure of this Colony without proper protection would invite attack that would not otherwise be thought of. If we regard the departure of the fleet with more or less dismay, we look forward to the time when our gallant Admiral will bid us good bye, with deep felt sorrow. Admiral Hastings has taken such a deep interest in everything that would benefit the Colony or conduce to its welfare, that even in the event of the vessels or others of a similar class being retained on the station, we shall feel his departure as we should the loss of a dear friend. He has always been foremost when any charitable or benevolent object has been proposed and his officers have in all cases given their hearty aid in carrying out his kindly designs. There are many gallant officers in Her Majesty's Navy; but we may be excused if we doubt that any of them could have achieved the conquest of a people's hearts so completely as Admiral Hastings, and the gallant Sons of Neptune that sail under his flag.

New Advertisements.

FOR PORTLAND,

THE CALIFORNIA, O. & N. STEAM
ship Co.'s steamer
GUSSIE TELFAIR
Will leave Broderick's Wharf for Portland at 10 o'clock Friday morning. mal7

WANTED
A MAN ACCUSTOMED TO PLOUGH
with horses; a man to dig, and one to prune. Terms, \$10 per month, without board. J. D. PEMBERTON. mal11m

AUCTION
By order of the Mortgagee under power contained in Deed dated 21st January, 1869.

A. F. MAIN
Will sell by Public Auction at his Sale-room, Wharf street, on Wednesday, 24th March, 1869, at 12 o'clock noon,
THE FARM
AT SAANICH
Lately occupied by Mr George Thomas, being Section 17, Range III W, containing about 57 Acres, more or less.
On the Premises are an excellent Dwelling House, a Capacious Barn, good Stabling and Well of Water, Piggeries and Out-houses
There is also a large Garden well stocked with the best kinds of Apple, Pear, Plum and Cherry Trees, all in full bearing. From 14 to 16 Acres of the finest kind of Land are fenced and under cultivation.
The Property fronts on the Saanich Inlet, on a Bay in which schooners can approach close to the shore and take in cargo.
—ALSO—
Town Lot No 1164, corner Vancouver and Meares streets.
Acts of Sale at Purchaser's expense.
A. F. MAIN,
Auctioneer. mal7

THOMAS RUSSELL,
GROCE & PROVISION
DEALER.
GOVERNMENT STREET
Opp. the Colonial Hotel.
Goods delivered in any part of the City and Esquimalt FREE OF CHARGE. mal7

MURRAY'S BAKERY
Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

FAMILIES, SHIPS,
AND
STEAMBOATS
supplied on the Shortest Notice, Free of Charge mal7

J. RUEFF,
Dealer in
Groceries & Provisions,
WHARF STREET. mal7

New Advertisements.

PACIFIC TELEGRAPH HOTEL,
Store street, bet. Herald and Fisguard,
VICTORIA, V. I.

ANDREW ASTRICO
RESPECTFULLY INFORMS HIS Friends and the Travelling Public that the above Hotel is the most COMMODIOUS and CLEANEST HOTEL in Victoria. It is conducted on the European principle, and the Table is supplied with the very best the market affords.

A RESTAURANT
Being attached to the premises, Meals can be had at ALL HOURS OF THE DAY.
Private Dining Rooms for Families
The rates of Charges are as follows:
Board & Lodging per Week..... \$5 to \$6 50
Single Meals..... 1 37 1/2
Isola..... 50
TERMS..... Cash in advance

A Fireproof Safe in the House.
mal7

JOHN WEILER,
FORT STREET NEAR BROAD.
HAS ALWAYS ON HAND AND MAKES TO ORDER
Spring, Hair, Wool, Pulu and Straw
MATRESSES, LOUNGES, &c.
ALSO ON HAND
Wall-Paper, Carpets, Mahogany and Brass Window Poles, Window Blinds, &c.
AND A VARIETY OF UPHOLSTERY GOODS.
mal7

Blankets! Blankets!
NEW LANDING EX "CECROPS," AND for sale by the undersigned.
2 1-2 Point, White, Blue, Red and Green
3 Point, White Red and Green
mal6 **FINDLAY & DURHAM**

Grosse & Blackwell's
OILMEN'S STORES.
FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED,
ex "Prince of Wales," in Bond or Duty paid.
Pickles, Salad Oil and Mustard
Table Salt, in round glass jars
Jams & Jellies, and Marmalade
Lea & Perrin's Worcester Sauce,
in pints and half pints.
mal16 **FINDLAY & DURHAM.**

Sandwich Island
SUGAR, No. 1.
FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED,
in Bond or Duty paid.
FINDLAY & DURHAM.

G. SUTRO & CO.,
Importers and Dealers in
HAVANA CIGARS
TOBACCO,
MEERSCHAUM PIPES,
Etc., Etc Etc.
Corner Yates and Wharf streets.
mal16 Im.

TO BUILDERS.
PERSONS DESIROUS OF SUBMITTING tenders for the construction of two brick stores with basements, on the corner of Fort and Government streets for J. J. Southgate, Esq., may see the plans and specifications at my office.
No tender will be received after 10 a. m. on Thursday the 18th inst.
The lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.
RICHARD LEWIS, Architect, Government street. mal5


Lumley Franklin,
AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION & REAL ESTATE AGENT
BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS taken the Pinnock Building in Yates street, nearly opposite Meers, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express office. Having had eleven years' experience in the Auction business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public support. mal3

NOTICE
ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNDER- signed must be presented for payment before the 5th April, 1869; and all parties indebted are hereby notified that all outstanding accounts will be placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection after that date.
J. H. PAVSON,
mal3 td The Hall, Fort street.

ENGLISH AND EUROPEAN NEWS.
THE MAIL.
A Paper containing the news, the principal leaders, a well-digested summary, and all interesting matter from The Times, and is thus rendered available, in a cheap form, for persons residing abroad or in the colonies. The days of publication will be Tuesdays and Fridays, in the afternoon, and the price is 4d. per copy, or 5d. a week post free.
Subscribers can obtain THE MAIL through Newspaper Agents, or may have it from the Publisher, on prepayment, at Printing House Square, London. ja22 dm 1aw

F. DALLY
Desires to inform the Inhabitants of Victoria, and its vicinity, that he has returned from the Upper Country with a Choice Collection of
New Photographic Views
OF
Mountain Scenery and other highly Interesting Subjects.
CARTES DE VISITE, GROUPS,
And Views taken with the greatest care and in the best style of Photographic Art, and warranted to give satisfaction.
The Gallery is situated on Fort street, VICTORIA, B. C. mal3 dm

New Advertisements.

NEW GOODS
EX "GUSSIE TELFAIR."

W. G. JAMIESON,
Watchmaker & Jeweller,
GOVERNMENT STREET,
HAS JUST RECEIVED A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GOODS, CONSISTING OF
WATCHES, JEWELLERY, SILVER & PLATEDWARE, CLOCKS,
In Gilt, Marble and Bronze,
Telescopes, Compasses, Marine Glasses, Etc., Etc., Etc.
ALL OF THE LATEST PATTERNS
Visitors from Puget Sound and Oregon will find it to their advantage to call and examine his
Large and Well-Selected Stock.
All Goods sold at the Lowest Rates, and every article guaranteed as represented.
Remember the Address:
WM. GEO. JAMIESON,
Next door to the Colonial Hotel Government street
mal9 3m

BARK CECROPS FROM LIVERPOOL.
THE BARK CECROPS, FROM LIVERPOOL will commence discharging at the Wharf of the undersigned at 8 o'clock this (FRIDAY) MORNING, March 12.
Consignees are requested to call at our office, pay freight and receive orders for their goods.
All Goods left on the Wharf after 4 o'clock each day will be stored at Risk and Expense of the owners
JANION, RHODES & CO.,
Store street, mal2 1w March 12, 1869.

FOR SALE.
The Lease, Goodwill, Furniture, Liquors, Bar Fixtures, &c,
OF THE
CROWN HOTEL, ESQUIMALT.
THE PROPRIETOR HAVING MADE arrangements to enter into another business, in a distant part of the Colony, immediate possession can be given. This house is well known as a first-class business establishment.
For particulars apply to the Proprietor on the premises.
Esquimalt, March 11, 1869. J. B. THOMPSON. mal2 1w

NOTICE.
NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR the undersigned Consignee of the bark CECROPS, from Liverpool, will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the crew of that vessel.
Victoria, March 10, 1869. mal1 1w
J. JANION, RHODES & CO.

A VICTORIA VELOCIPED,
For Ladies' use,
WILL BE RAFFLED
AT THE
Alhambra Saloon,
Cor. Government and Yates Sts.,
AT AN EARLY DATE.
100 TICKETS - - - \$2 50 Each,
To be obtained of
W. FARRON.
mal10
TO KOOTENAY,
Via Colville and Pen. d'Oreille Lake.


ON AND AFTER APRIL 1, 1869, THE Steamer
MARY MOODY
Will leave her wharf, Pen. d'Oreille City, for Kootenay and Cabinet Landing, every morning at 8 o'clock a. m. returning same day; leaving Kootenay Landing at 1 o'clock p. m.
For rates of Freight and Passage apply to the undersigned.
J. JANION, Kootenay Express, Agent for British Columbia. mal1

SAILING BOAT FOR SALE.
THE FAST SAILING YACHT "ATLANTA," well known as the Harbor Master's boat, guaranteed sound and in good condition.
Apply to
CAPT. COOPER.
mal11 10t

TO BE LET.
A SEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE, NEAR the Government Buildings, James' Bay.
Apply to
THOS. ALLSON, Agent, Government St. mal1 1w

LD. LOWENBERG.
REAL ESTATE AGENT
Government street, near corner of Broughton
WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION to selling, purchasing and leasing property; to negotiating loans and transacting everything connected with Real Estate business.
Maps of all the different Districts on the Island may be seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing homesteads, or making investments, will find on his Bulletin Board T. W. Lots on nearly every street; Far the of Gardening Land in every District some of which affords rare chance for investment.
Money on bond and mortgage on loan, in sums to suit the demand.
Conveyances of every description done at reasonable rates. mal14 Im

THE SEED STORE, - - - - YATES STREET
Springfield Nursery, - - - - Cook street, and
James' Bay Nursery, - - - - Michigan street,
VICTORIA, V.I.

JAY & BALES
In consequence of the increasing demand for their Seeds, and in order to retain the confidence of their customers have grown expressly for this Market and have now on hand
THE LARGEST, MOST RELIABLE AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK for
Colonial-raised Agricultural, Garden and Flower Seeds
Ever offered on this Coast.
Especially attention is called to their various GRASS AND OTHER FARM SEEDS, which are now, and for the first time in this Colony, Guaranteed of Home Growth.
A SPECIAL PRIZE was awarded them at Yale, and Honorary Certificate at Victoria Agricultural Shows of 1868 for samples of the above.
J. & B. have on the way from Europe, overland, many Useful and Ornamental Novelties for amateur and professional Gardeners.
FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES, Garden and House Plants, Bulbs, and other Nursery Stock securely packed for transit.
Catalogues at the Store and Nurseries, as usual. mal3 d & w

New Advertisements.

To Visitors from California, Oregon, the Sound, &c.
AT
VICTORIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS, VICTORIA, V.I.
[Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles
The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:
White and Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c., also on Hand in Great Variety.
fe27 **Wm. DENNY, Manager.**

Victoria Nursery & Seed Establishment.
MITCHELL & JOHNSTON
Offer for sale a full assortment of
New Seeds for the Farm and Garden,
The bulk grown by themselves and harvested in prime condition.
The stock of Grasses, Clovers, Lucerne, Trefoil, Turnips, Rape, Mangolds, Carrots, &c., is the most complete, choice and extensive ever offered in this Colony
Of Garden and Vegetable Seeds, the selection [including all the best kinds in cultivation] is unrivalled, and of
FLOWER SEEDS
Only the most beautiful kinds have been grown.
Just received per "Prince of Wales,"
Garden Ironmongery, Saynor's Cutlery, Iron Hand-Lights, Flower Pots, &c.
Printed Catalogues to be had at the SEED STORE, Occidental Buildings, Fort street, or at NURSERY GROUNDS, Fort street. ja28 3md & w

Scotch House.
A. M'LEAN & CO.
Beg to intimate that their STOCK is now Complete, with a
[LARGE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF]
Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery,
GLOVES & HATS of every Description.
—ALSO—
BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.
All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap. mal3

EXPRESS
For Kootenay, Perry Creek, and intermediate Stations of Semikameen, Karamahs, Osoyoos Lake, Rock Creek and Fort Shephard.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING MADE arrangements with BARNARD'S EXPRESS for the conveyance of matter over their route, their offices throughout British Columbia will receive Letters, parcels, &c., which will be forwarded regularly twice each month. An Express will be dispatched from the Victoria office every alternate Friday. Through trip in about 15 days.
The First Express under this arrangement will leave Victoria on Friday, 12th inst.
Collections, Commissions, and all business in the Express line punctually attended to.
mal9 3m JOHN JOHNSTON.

In the Assigned Estate of Alway & Bailey, of Yale.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
THOSE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE Estate who have not yet sent in their claims to the undersigned, are notified to do so at once, as a dividend will be finally declared on the 31st inst.
GEO. J. FINDLAY, Assignee.
J. R. STEWART, }
1m March 8th, 1869.

BASS' DRAUGHT ALE.
CONSIGNMENTS OF SUPERIOR SHERRIES, Brandy, Whiskies, Gins, and Ales and Porters in quarts and pints.
In Bond or duty paid
For Sale by
J. L. FISHER,
Cor. Wharf and Fort streets. mal9 1m

SALESROOM, FIREPROOF BUILDING, WHARF ST., COR. FORT.
J. L. FISHER,
AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT.
REFERS TO
Messrs. Sprout & Co., Messrs. Dickson, Campbell & Co., Capt. Ed. Stamp, J. R. Stewart, Esq., Robert Burnaby, Esq.
GREAT REDUCTION!
TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.
ENCOURAGE
HOME MANUFACTURE.
THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES LEAD sure in announcing a Great Reduction in the Rates of his
CANDIES, ALMONDS
Gum Drops Tondant? Cor-
dial Drops Chocolate Cream
Burned Almonds
And all other kinds without end, will be sold at 75 cent per pound
WHOLESALE PRICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
CHEAPER THAN IN SAN FRANCISCO.
mal10 1m **A. W. FISHER,** Cor. Wharf and Fort streets.

